



October 11, 2011

The Honorable Mick Zais
State Superintendent of Education
1429 Senate Street
Rutledge Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Superintendent Zais:

In compliance with Proviso 1.43 in the 2010/11 General Appropriations Act (Act 291), attached you will find the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice School District's report on Funding Flexibility and Spending Reductions for the first quarter of our 2011-12 school year. As we have previously referenced in earlier compliance reports, state law (63-19-380) designates the Department as a "special school district" and mandates that we "operate a continuous progress education program" throughout the year. In addition, because we are a Title I school district and have approximately 45% of our student population identified for special education, a much larger percentage of our operating funds are restricted. Consequently, our ability to move funds into other program areas or to cover other expenses is somewhat more limited than that of a "regular" school district.

During the first quarter of the 2011-12 school year, the Department of Juvenile Justice School District is requesting to flex the following funds: textbook cost savings, PDSI carryforward, OVE carryforward (3), and science kits refurburbuished. The school district also continues to heavily restrict hiring. The only staff being hired now are retirements and resignations and not all of those are being refilled – only critical needs areas. Our current initiative is to strategically build back the Career and Technology programs that were lost during the budget crises of the past three years. We have recently replaced our Director of Career and Technology who retired in June of 2011. Our new director will be working to define our needs and make recommendations for programs to build marketable skills for all children in our school programs.

Our district continues to meet or exceed our Defined Minimum Program requirements and to maintain our State Department of Education and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditations. In addition, the DJJ School District has earned Palmetto Gold status every year since 2004.

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Finally, DJJ's school district, as has the Agency as a whole, continues to reduce our budget for travel, has eliminated all conferences paid for through state funds, and has eliminated all staff training unless mandated and paid for by a grant funding source. We also, unfortunately, continue to curtail significantly our after-school sports and other extracurricular programming.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call or email either one, or both of us, and we will gladly provide this additional information to you.

With kind personal regards,

Margaret H. Barber
Chairman, DJJ School Board

Meda C. Cobb
Superintendent, DJJ School District

MHB/MCC/rmr

cc: Hon. Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Hon. John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Hon. W. Brian White, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
Hon. Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee

SCDE Receipt:

District Name: SCDJJ

Section I. (provide additional forms as necessary)

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund *) Current Allocation Transfer Amount (up to 100%) Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)
 (Identify any prior year carryover amounts)

No funding transfers are being requested			
3541 - Textbook Cost Savings	19,979	19,979	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - Professional Development Funds-CF	6,653	6,653	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - OVE - Career Tech	1,957	1,957	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - OVE - HS Wrk/MG	220	220	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - OVE - Wk Base Learning	10,430	10,430	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - Flexible Cost Savings	1,991	1,991	3300 - Education Finance ACT

* The following appropriations are excluded from this flexibility (both as transfers into and out): Teacher Salary Supplement/Fringe, National Board Certification, Teacher Supply and Teacher of the Year
 Districts should use judicious caution when transferring those funds received through a competitive grant process

Section 2. (provide additional information as necessary)

- (1) Our district suspended staffing ratios in the following areas: Suspensions of staffing ratios are not necessary during this quarter.
- (2) Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts: N/A. DJJ does not use contracts since all teachers are state employees.
- (2)b The following number of contracts were not renewed Two vacant positions may be filled following the cumulative reductions in force and resignations.
- (3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries One employee retired during this quarter.
- (4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days Mandatory furlough is not enforced this school year.
- (4)b Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days Mandatory furlough is not enforced this school year.
- (5) Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2011-2012 school year. Reduced part-time personnel who provide and supervise recreational sports, extra-curricular programs, and other therapeutic programs for DJJ students.
- (6) Our district has consolidated the following: Willow Lane School was closed in 2010 and the students were consolidated with students at Birchwood School resulting in a reduction of administration and faculty.

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Superintendent Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Completed by: (please print) Sylvia Murray
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